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The most inspirational book I've read recently is *Inside Out and Back Again*. Thanhha Lai wanted to write her story but was incapable of telling the whole truth. Since she wasn't good at telling the truth, she created a fictional character resembling her family's experience. The book is about a 10-year-old girl, Ha, whose life and her family's life change because of the Vietnam War. It's about when she and her family started from scratch. Ha is a girl that has her papaya tree, her best friend, her own holidays, and her own beliefs, but the war takes all that away. The war makes her move to a country she knows nothing about. Whenever I read this book, it reminds me of myself. I too left my country. I too felt stupid when I couldn't raise my hand for a math problem. I too faced people that didn't want me in the United States. While I was reading, I cried and laughed at Ha and myself. I cried when she was bullied. I laughed at her being too naive. This book made me realize that I'm not the only one. It made me feel like I'm part of a club that only immigrant and refugee kids are in. It shaped this feeling that I'm the zebra from the animated movie *Madagascar* that just found its herd. As I mentioned before, the book taught me to connect and communicate with others, because people around us can't help us if we aren't able to communicate and tell them. *Inside Out and Back Again* has positively changed my perspective. Reading someone else's fictional past made me let go of some things. For instance, I don't blame the kids that were mean to me. Those kids didn't know enough about me or my country, so they naturally thought the way the adults in their life did. I came to the conclusion that everyone has their own story and shouldn't be judged based on what we see on TV. Overall, Thanhha Lai's mostly true story made me accept the fact that sometimes adults make decisions that we don't understand at the time. It opened up my world. I found out that I was more aware of people around me. *Inside Out and Back Again* is truly promising, inspiring, and encouraging. Ha might not be a real person, but she is my true best friend.